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and precise, by the inspiration of Mr. BROTHERS, and the sagacity of Mr. HALHED! My intention in writing the following pages, is to prove (if, after the Pamphlet of Mr. HALHED, farther proof can be given), that Mr. BROTHERS speaks the genuine language of Prophecy, and that every thing which he writes is the dictate of Heaven; and to endeavour to shew, that the symbolic meaning of the four Beasts is most accurately explained by Mr. HALHED. I am, Sir, your most obliged servant,
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ALTHOUGH it is not in the power of the human understanding to excel Mr. HALHEED in the art of expounding Phrophesies as far as he goes, yet I hope I may be allowed to treat of some prophetic subjects, which, from good motives no doubt, he hath omitted to discuss; and even to add to his disquisitions on other points, which he hath partly explained, a few arguments that probably did not occur to his mind, or, if they did, that had not importance enough to arrest his attention. The denunciation of the wrath of Heaven against four great Princes of Europe, one of whom is now in the grave,

grave, is pronounced by DANIEL; and he uses the symbol of four great Beasts to convey his meaning. He says, "And four great Beasts came from the sea, different from one another. The first was a Lion, and it had Eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings were plucked," &c.--I shall not be so silent and ceremonious as Mr. HALHED upon this part of the commentary of Mr. BROTHERS upon DANIEL. I will give my reasons, fully and boldly, for believing that the Lion can be no other than GEORGE the Third, King of England. In my judgment, it does not become the Expounder of a Prophet to adopt the cautious language of a Courtier.

I say, the King of England may well be typified by a Lion. The arms of England have a Lion upon them. The Lion, every one knows, is the King of the Beasts. Now, the symbolic title of an Englishman is *John Bull*; and the Bull, by a very easy figure of speech, which even Poets claim when they want it, may be put for all the Beasts of the field. Therefore, the King of Englishmen is a Lion; that is, the King of the Beasts.

But

But how is the Prophecy to relate to His present Majesty rather than to any other King of England? It is thus: His Majesty doth possess, in a more eminent degree than any of his predecessors, all the noble and magnanimous qualities that adorn the heart of a Lion: His Majesty hath a proud and generous mind; nothing low, nothing base, nothing mean, ever found its way into its royal recesses. The Lion hath a majestic aspect: Who that has ever seen our Sovereign, cannot say the same of him? To support a Lion is very expensive: His Majesty requires as much to support him as would maintain 30,000 of His Majesty's Subjects. When the Lion roars, all the Beasts of the Field tremble: When His Majesty, by a Proclamation, denounces his wrath, either upon his own Democratic Subjects, or upon his Foreign Enemies, there is an universal terror spread over this Country, and over all the Countries that have the misfortune to be obnoxious to his royal displeasure. The Lion is superior in battle to all other Beasts: When His Majesty goes to war, what Nation can stand against him? The Lion is treated with the most profound

found respect by all the Brute Creation: The proceedings of the National Convention, and the Poems of PETER PINDAR, will shew how greatly and universally His Majesty is revered.---These parallels are just beyond all controversy.

Now for the proofs of the approaching destruction of our Navy---“ And it had “ Eagle’s wings; and I beheld (says DANIEL) “ till the wings were plucked.” Wings, as Mr. HALHED sagely observes, mean *sails*, all the world over. Now, Vaticination must be allowed as great license, at least, as Poetry assumes. A *wing* means a *sail*; and a *sail*, by Metonymy, may be put for a whole ship: therefore, the plucking of the wings of the Beast means the destruction of His Majesty’s ships. And to shew the wonderful certainty of the prophetic science, these ships must be His Majesty’s Men of War---not Packet-boats, Yachts, &c. Observe, it is *Eagle’s* wings which are to be plucked. Now, an Eagle is a bird that hovers about the mountains to seize upon prey: A Man of War traverses the ocean to catch prizes. By the Eagle, therefore, is precisely meant the Navy of England.

Daniel

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The second Beast is thus mentioned:
 "And, behold! another Beast, a second,
 "like to a Bear; and it raised up itself on
 "one side; and it had three ribs in the mouth
 "of it, between the teeth of it," &c. 13. 11

I shall offer some arguments, in addition to those of my fellow-labourer, Mr. HALLED, to support the opinion, that this Bear means the Empress of Russia. The Bear is an animal found all over her Dominions. Her Majesty is often cloathed in the fur of a Bear. Two constellations, called the Great Bear and the Little Bear (*Ursa Major* and *Ursa Minor*), are almost constantly vertical to some part of her Territories. So far my expounding would suit any Empress of Russia: but the Reader shall soon see that the Prophecy points to CATHERINE the Second only. Her Majesty is said to be remarkably fond of honey;* so is a Bear. It is the practice of Bears to destroy their enemies by embracing them: CATHERINE, previous to the late destruction of Poland, made an alliance with the Poles,

* See NIKOLSKI's Anecdotes of the Empress of Russia, translated into French by LALAND, Vol. I. page 78.

and took them into the embraces of her Imperial friendship. In a more literal sense, too, her embraces are said to be pestilential.

“And it (the Bear) raised up itself on “one side.” Mr. HALHED explains this sentence by the Russian conquests. I add another explanation, in case one should not be thought sufficient. All the world knows, that a man and his wife are called *one person*; the husband is *one part*, (or, in the language of Vaticination, *one side*); and the wife the other. Her Imperial Majesty was soon, by some extraordinary accident, separated from the inferior side (viz. her husband, the late Czar); and she then aggrandized herself (viz. the other side); by conquests, commerce, &c.; that is, *she raised herself up on one side*, leaving the other in the grave.

“And it (meaning Her Majesty) had “three ribs in the mouth of it, between the “teeth of it.” This passage, too, I explain in a new and simple manner. A roast Turkey is Her Majesty’s favourite dish; and there is no part of that fowl which Her Majesty loves so much as the rib. They who have

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See NIKOLSKI, Vol. II. page 156.

With regard to the symbol of the Leopard (Louis the Sixteenth), I have little to add to Mr. HALHED's sagacious explanation. It is the very one I should have given myself, if I had written before him. I would only say, that the various colours of this beautiful animal may render the Prophecy still more precise. According to our usual latitude, several colours mean no more than three colours, viz. red, blue, and white. Now, these are the colours that distinguish the national cockade which Louis the Sixteenth often wore before his dethronement: a Leopard is therefore an apt type to represent him.

(says) 2. The Court of Berlin

“ (says DANIEL), because of the great words
 “ which the *horn* spake.” It is sufficient to
 know the private history of the Court of Ber-
 lin,* to be thoroughly persuaded that His
 Prussian Majesty could not be represented by
 a better symbol than a *horn*. I would not
 be understood to insinuate that His Majesty is
 a *green-horn*: all who have had pecuniary
 dealings with him know that he does not
 merit that title.

Now comes the Pope, who is not to
 escape (for why should he?) in the general
 destruction of Princes. His Holiness, I need
 hardly inform the Reader, is called the *Great*
Whore. (Having done with Beasts, we come
 to symbols of the human form.)

“ And I beheld (says the Prophet), and,
 “ lo! the voice went not out of her head, but
 “ *from the midst of her body*.”---“ This (ob-
 serves Mr. HALHED) is the true spirit of
 prophetic love; this is the genuine spark of
 Promethean fire! How was it possible, in such
 few words, and with such astonishing accu-
 racy, to delineate *the focus* from whence ema-
 nate all the rays of Republican authority?”

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* See MIRABEAU's Memoirs of the Court of Berlin.

With what delicacy of imagination does my brother-commentator describe the source of power!

In the 18th chapter of the Apocalypse, the destruction of Babylon is foretold. But we are to understand that this Babylon is the City of London:---no great stretch of the prophetic license! London is a great City; so was Babylon: London is a very wicked City; so was Babylon. The houses and inhabitants of the one may well represent those of the other, and the Tigris and Euphrates be nothing more than symbols of the Thames and the Medway. But the principal proof is yet to come: The Prophet, filled with celestial fire, thus describes our calamities and our commerce.---

“ And the Merchants of the Earth shall
 “ weep and mourn over her; for no man
 “ buyeth her merchandize any more---the
 “ merchandize of gold and silver, and precious
 “ stones, and of pearls, and fine linen and
 “ purple, and silk and scarlet, and all thyme
 “ wood, and all manner of vessels of ivory,
 “ and all manner of vessels of most precious
 wood,

“ wood, and of brass and iron, and marble,
 “ and cinnamon and odours, and ointments
 “ and frankincense, and wine and oil, and
 “ fine flour and wheat, and beasts and sheep,
 “ and horses and chariots, and *slaves*, and
 “ *souls of men.*”

Who can doubt that London is meant in this description? Almost every class of our tradesmen is specified---our goldsmiths, our jewellers, our linen-merchants, our Spital-fields weavers, our cabinet-makers, our turners, ironmongers, wine-merchants, oil-men, millers, butchers, bakers, &c. But it is the last sentence that points most directly at London---
 “ The merchandize of slaves, and souls of
 “ men.”---Slaves, it is true, are not sold in London; but they are sold in Jamaica: and why may not Jamaica be put for London, as well as London for Babylon?---“ It is here
 “ alone (says Mr. HALHED), in England---
 “ it is in this Land of Liberty, where every
 “ man has a soul which he can keep or sell
 “ as he pleases, that this article can be called
 “ a merchandize; and Parliament is the
 “ grand emporium for the commodity.”---
 The *Soul Trade* is no doubt very extensive
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amongst us. It is a fortunate circumstance that we should enjoy a species of commerce so highly productive, that requires no other capital than what every man receives from Nature. I sincerely hope that no person may ever bring his Soul to such a bad market as my brother-disciple found in the House of Commons, where he acknowledges that he sold on trust the use of his mental commodity for several years, without ever receiving a shilling from the purchaser. His misfortune will teach other dealers to demand prompt payment upon every future sale of Souls.

There are many kinds of the Soul Trade which Mr. HALHED has omitted to notice: the *Spy* Trade forms a very extensive and lucrative branch of this honourable traffic. Where is friendship sold so notoriously as in London? Where do females (I don't mean *common* prostitutes) sell their affections, like the mercenary dames in London? Respect, attention, obsequiousness, politeness, and flattery, (all mental articles), are to be purchased here with money; and persons well acquainted with the trade, can tell exactly how much of the Soul can be bought for any given price.

After

After these proofs, God forbid any of my friends should doubt, that when the Author of the Apocalypse says *Babylon*, he does not mean *London*.

Having dwelt so long upon the merits of my fellow-labourer, NATHANIEL BRASSEY HALHED, M. P. I shall now attempt the panegyric of our great Lord and Master, Mr. BROTHERS.

There is nothing in the writings of this new Messiah that I admire so much as the grand, majestic and dignified language which, after the example of the Prophets and inspired men among his ancestors the Jews, he gives us as the conversation of the ALMIGHTY. When God addresses JOB out of the whirlwind, the language shews that it is a Deity who speaks :--- To the idle and impious complaints of JOB, God answers, “ Who is this
“ that darkeneth counsel by words without
“ knowledge? Where wast thou when I laid
“ the foundation of the earth? declare, if
“ thou hast understanding. Whereupon are
“ the foundations thereof fastened? or who
“ laid the corner-stone thereof? when the
“ morning

“ morning stars sang together, and all the Sons
 “ of God shouted for joy. Or who shut up the
 “ sea with doors when it brake forth?—when
 “ I made the cloud the garment thereof, and
 “ thick darkness a swaddling band for it—
 “ and brake up for it my decreed place, and
 “ set bars and doors---and said, hitherto shalt
 “ thou come, but no further, and here shall
 “ thy proud waves be stayed---Canst thou
 “ bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or
 “ loose the bands of Orion? Canst thou bring
 “ forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst
 “ thou guide Arcturus with his sons? Hast
 “ thou given the horse strength? hast thou
 “ clothed his neck with thunder?—The
 “ glory of his nostrils is terrible: he paweth
 “ in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength:
 “ he goeth on to meet the armed men.”

Now, let us see how Mr. BROTHERS sup-
 ports the eloquence of the Divinity. He in-
 forms us, that on the 12th of the month called
 May, 1792, he wrote to the Speaker of the
 House of Commons, to inform him that he
 was commanded to go to Parliament on the
 17th following, and acquaint the Members,
 for their own safety, and the general benefit

of the Country, of the approaching fall of Monarchy in Europe, of their own sudden fall into the jaws of the earth by a predetermined earthquake---and lastly, to entreat them to acknowledge this gracious communication from God.---On the 17th, he waited at the door of the House, and informed Mr. Speaker by letter, that he was ready to communicate all that he was commanded. In a few minutes, a messenger returned with his letter, and treated him with great incivility. Whereupon God instantly called to him in the following majestic language, equal, if not superior, to any thing he ever said to JOB or ISAIAH: "*Get away, get away from this place: be under no concern; it was not you that was despised and ordered away, but me in your person that sent you.*" After this the Messiah was made to look towards the Treasury Bench, while God pronounced at the same time, "*All that side shall fall.*" Here is the sentiment of a violent Whig.---Alas! poor BILLY PITT! poor HARRY DUNDAS! and Master JENKINSON, and Master CANNING! it is all over with you.---And again God pronounced, (as if not

not satisfied with the destruction of the Tories), "*The whole shall fall.*" Mysterious Prophet! the language of a downright Democrat!

Again (page 83), the LORD directs Mr. BROTHERS to send his letters of admonition to the King, Queen, &c. by the *penny-post*!

Again (page 76), the LORD gives an opinion upon a question of Law---not, indeed, in such words as my Lord Chancellor would use. The opinion is as follows: "There is nothing
" in this book (Mr. BROTHERS's second warn-
" ing) that the English Law *can take hold*
" of," &c. Let no infidel of the Long Robe presume to contend, after this solemn determination of the Supreme Judge, that false Prophets (all modern Prophets being deemed by Law of that description) may be punished by fine or imprisonment. *

Again
BLACKSTONE hath ignorantly and unprophetically laid down the English Law with regard to *pretended Prophets* as follows, viz.

" False and *pretended Prophecies*, with intent to disturb
" the peace, are equally unlawful, and more penal, as
" they raise enthusiastic jealousies in the People, and
" terrify them with imaginary fears. They are there-
fore

Again (page 62), Mr. BROTHERS tells us, that as he was writing to the Earl of Chatham on a subject which I shall presently notice, he made a vow to the ALMIGHTY GOD, declaring, that if he would enable him, he would most surely procure an indemnification for a poor man that had lost his ship by an unjust sentence. The LORD told him at night, "That he would most surely enable him; for if he (BROTHERS) liked, *he should be President of the Council, and Chancellor of the Exchequer---he should have any thing he required.*" No Prime Minister could have been more profuse of promise. The offices of President of the Council and Chancellor of the Exchequer united in one person! fore punished by our Law upon the same principle, "that spreading of public news of any kind, without communicating it first to the Magistrate, was prohibited by the ancient Gauls. Such false and pretended Prophecies were punished capitally by Statute 1 Edw. VI. c. 12, which was repeated in the reign of Queen Mary. And now, by the Statute 5 Eliz. c. 15, the penalty for the first offence is a fine of ten pounds and one years imprisonment; for the second, forfeiture of all goods and chattels, and imprisonment during life." Vol. IV. chap. 11.

person ! and this after the destruction of the City and the Government shall have taken place, according to our Prophecies ! It seems there will be a Privy Council and a Court of Exchequer, although there will be no King, and no business for a Court of Exchequer to transact.

Mr. BROTHERS had a dispute with the Admiralty, about taking the usual oath previous to receiving his pay as a Lieutenant of the Navy. He objected to voluntary swearing, on scruples of conscience ; and stated his objection to my Lords Commissioners, who informed him that there was an order of Council to take the oath, and that it was not in the power of the Admiralty to dispense with it. Mr. BROTHERS then says,

“ After making numerous representations, the Earl of Chatham with great propriety acknowledged their justice so far as to erase the word *voluntary* from the prescribed form of swearing : but I was then reminded of the words of CHRIST, in the 5th chapter, 34th verse of St. Matthew, and strictly commanded to obey them. Soon after this, I requested from the Admiralty,

“miralty, and often repeated it, a dispensing
 “order that I might receive my pay without
 “an oath; but they would not grant it.

“*If the Earl of Chatham had shewn me*
 “*the small favour I asked for, and certainly*
 “*it would have been but a very small one*
 “*to him, he should be held up to the world as*
 “*my friend to be admired and regarded: he*
 “*should wear such a durable Coronet as*
 “*would make him the envy of Princes; it*
 “*should be a Coronet that no human power*
 “*would be ever able to remove.*”

Here we are informed, that it was in the
 power of Lord Chatham, by a very simple
 act, to avert the *predetermined destruction* of
 the Aristocracy of England: he would have
 continued the order of Nobility in his own
 person at least.

Our Prophet, being now in great danger
 of starving, notwithstanding his relationship
 to the Divinity, was taken to the work-house.
 In revenge for these indignities, and because
 my Lord Chatham had not violated the Laws
 of his Country, God angrily declared (page
 64), “*That he would shake the English Ad-*
 “*miralty*”

“miralty as a man would violently bread in a
“basket.”

Here we see how considerately God adopts his style to the habits and understanding of his Prophet. The shaking of bread in a basket violently, is an image taken from sea-life, in which Mr. BROTHERS passed the greater part of his early days. When bad biscuit is served out (and if there is any bad biscuit in the ship, it has a fair chance of coming to the Midshipmen in the cockpit), a man will often shake the bread-basket with much violence and ill-humour, particularly if he is hungry, and it is his watch upon deck, in order to come at a piece of bread that he can eat with satisfaction.

Mr. BROTHERS also says (page 27), “After these things, a Prophet (myself) will
“be revealed to the world, with signs, and
“the mighty power of fire, from God.” Nothing is more natural than for a Lieutenant of a Man of War to suppose that *mighty power* exists by the means of *fire*.

The Prophet gives an astonishing instance (p. 43) of the triumph of his humanity over his understanding. He intercedes for the
People

People of London, *although informed at the time that the People would not believe him*, and therefore that his intercessions would in the end be fruitless. Let not the prophane be surpris'd at this circumstance ; they will find in many parts of the new Gospel, that Mr. BROTHERS holds out terms of safety to the People, upon conditions which, by a rigorous predestination, he says, they are unable to perform. Among men, this mode of proceeding would be called a scurvy mockery of justice : but let none presume to judge of the conduct of Prophets by ordinary analogies.

Mr. BROTHERS tells us, he will become a very great Prince, far above any Prince on Earth. He has therefore been unjustly reproached with Democratic principles ; for, if he destroys all the Kings of the Earth, we shall still enjoy the felicity of a Monarchical Government under his pious reign. He speaks as flippantly of his palaces, his splendid table, his coach, his guards, and all the other trappings of Royalty, as if he had been seated on a Throne since his childhood.

Among the various testimonies from the Hebrew Prophets which relate to himself, he

he mentions the following one from ISAIAH, chapter 4th, verse 1st :

“ And in that day, *seven women shall take hold of one man*, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel ; only let us be *called by thy name*, to take away our reproach.”

“ The man alluded to by the Prophet is myself, and the time of the world is *just now come*. Remember that the seventh chapter of DANIEL, and the sixth of the Revelation, are now fulfilling : remember, likewise, the second chapter and 24th verse of HAGGI ; by all of which, Thrones are to fall, Nation to be turned against Nation, Army against Army, and Man against Man, until the Earth is wasted of her People. By this great destruction of the human race, millions, millions of women will go the grave unmarried and barren.

“ The war is now, *compared to what it will be in future*, as four or five houses on fire is to a large City set in flames by them ; which all the arts and invention of the world, which all the force of power

“ and political foresight, cannot quench. It
 “ is from the great scarcity of Mankind
 “ which the war will occasion, that the Pro-
 “ phet represents so many women as taking
 “ hold of one conspicuous and particular
 “ man.”

In addition to this explanation, I shall give another, for which I am indebted to my great nautical knowledge. It is no uncommon thing to see, in the wardroom or the cockpit, or even on Portsmouth Point, seven Ladies of easy virtue take hold of one Officer of a Man of War (particularly if he be drunk), and insist upon his taking one or more of them as temporary wives. Nor is it at all extraordinary, if he is unwilling or unable to make any choice, for as many as can stow themselves into one cot or bed to tumble in along with him.---“ Only let us be called by thy name.” Oh! wonderful prophetic art! Does not every one who has been in the Navy know, that the girls of all the Officers are called by their names? Mr. BROTHERS, I doubt not, has often been assailed by seven Ladies in this manner; and therefore he is
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the man alluded to, or rather precisely pointed out, by ISAIAH.

Mr. BROTHERS (page 57) gives a remarkable proof of his gratitude to a Lady of the name of ISABELLA WAKE, for some good offices which she rendered him while he was in prison. He promises that she shall always have an apartment in *his palace*, and a seat *at his table*.

He assures us, that in all the troubles and affliction which he experienced in the former part of his life, he enjoyed some gleams of the prophetic light that has now burst in a flood upon his spiritual organs of vision ; and that he had always, however abused in condition, a strong presentiment of his future greatness. Perhaps, when he has been a Midshipman, and in the very act of kissing the Gunner's daughter,* he has, regardless of his own pain and indignity, thought of no-

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* The unlearned Reader must be informed, that it is customary on board Men of War to punish the offences of young Midshipmen, by making them lean along a gun, tying their hands to the muzzle, lashing and whipping them, as at school, with a birch-rod, or a cat and nine tails. The person who undergoes this operation is said to *kiss the Gunner's daughter*.

thing but scourging Kings. When he has dined on beef that had been seven years in salt, and assuaging his thirst with bad water---perhaps he has luxuriated in imagination upon Princely banquets. When the Gosport or Deptford damsels have been seated on his knees, regaling themselves with grog, and using all their soft blandishments to gain his affection---perhaps, unmindful of their endearments, his soul has been entirely taken up with the *Whore of Babylon*.

MR. BROTHERS (page 39) was once too much in the habit of mentioning men without their titles.---But the LORD tells him, "Unless you write their titles, *they themselves* wont know who you mean." Shrewd observation! How could Prince RICHARD have supposed that my Lord Hawkesbury should know who was meant by *Charley Jenkinson*---my Lord Chancellor, by *Alek Wedderburn*---or my Lord Chatham, by *Jacky Pitt*? If they even did know who was meant, would not their Ladies, and perhaps themselves, be highly offended?

When the final sentence of destruction against London is sealed, the Prophet declares,

clares, that the following words will appear in the Heavens, written in gigantic characters: "IT IS DONE." How sublimely simple the expression! how tremendously laconic! "It is all over, my boys! you are done up."

Here follows another example of Mr. BROTHERS's celestial composition, respecting the death of the late King of Sweden: "After this I was in a vision, and the LORD God talked with, me and said, "I give you the life of the Swede: but know this for certain, that if you prevent his death, the man himself will not believe there was any danger of it; and when you write hereafter of other things in this Country, you will be called an Impostor, a Fool, and a Liar---you will be imprisoned, and treated very ill. When I see this, it will make me angry: *I'll then begin to kill the People,* and I'll surely destroy this City."

In page 74, Prince RICHARD makes God display a great deal of prudence. The Printer returned the first part of the manuscript copy of the Prophecies, lest he should be prosecuted, imprisoned, and perhaps hanged:

"For

“ For which (says the Prophet) the LORD
 “ God commands me to keep back the ad-
 “ ditional information that otherwise would
 “ be given, and terminate the book.”

An uninspired person will be apt to be surprised, that he who is in a short time to destroy all the Kings of Europe, should be unable to save the Printer of his favourite Prince from being hanged. But we are regardless of the sneers of infidels.

The chief object of the mission of Mr. BROTHERS, is to recal the Jews from all Nations, and lead them into Palestine and Judea, the seats of their ancestors. How delightful will it be to behold the inhabitants of Duke's Place---old-cloaths-men, buyers of old rags, broken bottles, old china, &c. &c. quitting their vile occupation, and embarking under the standard of Prince RICHARD ! We ought not to puzzle ourselves inquiring how all these men are to be provided with ships, provisions, cloaths, the means of making a new settlement, and the knowledge of agriculture---or how a barren soil, such as that of Judea, can, by any cultivation, be made to support the immense number of Jews
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that are spread over the world. All these things can be very easily done by miracles: The supernatural correspondence of Mr. BROTHERS with GOD, is a miracle; and one miracle may be as easily performed as another.

The lovers of Human Nature must rejoice greatly when they observe, that Mr. BROTHERS, like most of his predecessors in the prophetic art, fulminates the anathemas of Heaven chiefly against Governments, all sorts of which the enlightened men and philosophers of those days hold to be highly pernicious to human happiness. Prophets are, for the most part, persons of such rank, habits and intellects, as prevent the Governments under which they live from treating them with any respect or attention. It is therefore very natural that these children of inspiration should resent the contempt shewn to them, by denouncing the wrath of GOD upon their enemies. Few Prophets have been deficient in the noble passion of revenge: most of them who have been successful in causing their Prophecies to be generally believed, have subverted the Governments that despised them; those

---those Governments which at first thought them too mean to be noticed ; and, as soon as they thought them fit objects for animadversion, found them too powerful to be crushed.

As it is generally believed, not only by the disciples of Mr. BROTHERS, but by infidels who derive their knowledge from ordinary sources, that we are on the eve of mighty changes of Government and of the state of Society, how consoling is it to know that we shall have such men as Mr. BROTHERS and his admirers to direct the tempest of Revolution ! The prophane will say, If we must have a Revolution, let it be guided by the talents of FOX, of SHERIDAN, of HORNE TOOKE. Wretched ignorance ! What have these Gentlemen to boast of ? Eloquence, energy of mind, knowledge of the human heart, of the Laws of their Country, its commerce and interests, and of all human sciences. But they are not, however, to be compared with Mr. HUNTINGDON, Mr. WRIGHT, ROWLAND HILL, Mr. BROTHERS, Mr. HALHED, Captain HANCHET, and myself---nor their admirers with the Muckletentians, Methodists, Anabaptists, and many other sects,

fects, whose predecessors heaped so many blessings upon the People of England in the time of OLIVER CROMWELL. What though they have neither wisdom, eloquence, nor learning? They have *grace* in abundance: they have faith; and faith is able to remove mountains: but that which is able to move mountains, can move ships without wind or tide, and appease in an instant the tumults of a mob. Through the government of these persons, we should therefore enjoy the most profound tranquillity, and the most extensive and expeditious commerce.

These are the observations which I have thought it my bounded duty to publish to the World, in order that all men may form a just opinion of the pretensions of Mr. BROTHERS to inspiration, and of Mr. HALLED to sagacity and learning. If these favourites of Heaven should give to the Public any more Prophecies, or Expositions of Prophecies, perhaps I may feel it my duty to take up my pen a second time in their vindication.

HENRY SPENCER.

Pall-Mall, March 3, 1795.

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